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SUBJECT: TEXTILES; PAK COMPLAINT AGAINST EEC

1. EJAZ NAIK, SECRETARY, MINCOMMERCE CALLED IN EMBOFFS JANUARY 22 TO REQUEST USG SUPPORT FOR GOP COMPLAINT AGAINST BRITAIN AND FRANCE UNDER EEC TEXTILE BILATERAL AT JANUARY 27 MEETING OF TRADE SURVEILLANCE COMMITTEE (TSC).

2. ACCORDING TO NAIK, SHORTLY AFTER SIGNING OF PAKISTAN/EEC BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND IRELAND IMPOSED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE PERMITTED UNDER THE BILATERAL. GOP IS NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH IRELAND RESTRICTIONS AS QUANTITIES ARE SMALL AND IRELAND IS ALLOWED SOME ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE BILATERAL. GOP FILED FORMAL COMPLAINT AND TSC ISSUED INTERIM DECISION IN DECEMBER MEETING WHICH, NAIK SAID, IMPLIED SOME DEGREE ACCEPTANCE OF PAKISTAN COMPLAINT. PAKISTAN AND EEC WERE ASKED TO CONSULT UNDER ART THREE OF INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT WHICH DEALS WITH NEW RESTRICTIONS. BILAT CONSULTATIONS HELD JANUARY 16 WITH EACH SIDE STICKING TO POSITIONS. THUS

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MATTER WILL AGAIN BE RAISED AT TSC JANUARY 27.

3. NAIK SAID THAT GOP BELIEVES NEW RESTRICTIONS ARE COMPLETELY ILLEGAL AS THEY ARE PLACED ON ITEMS NOT COVERED IN BILATERAL AND IN FACT NOT EVEN DISCUSSED IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. HE BELIEVES THAT MOST TSC DELEGATES AT DECEMBER MEETING PRIVATELY AGREED WITH GOP POSITION BUT IS CONCERNED THAT DELEGATES WILL NOT SPEAK OUT STRONGLY ENOUGH TO PERSUADE BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO REVERSE STAND.

4. EMBOFFS MADE NO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF DISPUTE BUT PROMISED TO COMMUNICATE GOP REQUEST TO WASHINGTON AND GENEVA.
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